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CAZADERO

In the May issue The Pacific gave data concerning the camps to be held at Cazadero and Lake Sequoia during the early part of the summer, including the College Camp, Redwood and Upper Bay Camp, Central Area Camp, San Joaquin Area Camp, and the two Family Camps, together with information regarding leaders who are to assist.

In this issue The Pacific is pleased to present information regarding three additional camps, all to be at Cazadero. At each camp the fee per person is $9.75, of which $2.25 registration fee is payable in advance and the balance on arrival at camp. At the two Family Camps, children under 12 pay a total of $6.00, of which $1.00 is registration fee. Churches are urged to collect from their delegates all money in advance and to make payment at Cazadero by check, so that no large amounts of cash will need to be on hand at the camp.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP NO. 1 JULY 15-21

Under leadership of Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Junior High Campers of the Bay Area will work together around the theme of "World Friendship," with Alice Sanderson, Herb Dimock, Kay Meyer, and Dick Keithahn as probable leaders of the four Trail groups. Mrs. Ruth Wolfe will head the craft and hobby program. The entire camp will be divided up into "camp life committees" with specific responsibilities in the program of the day.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP NO. 2 JULY 22-28

The theme of Junior Hi No. 2 will be "Christian Pioneering," with four basic courses: "Missionary Pioneers," "Pioneering in My Community," "Pioneering Across the Chasm of Race," and "Personal Pioneering." Second class period, after morning assembly, will be Bible study courses, with all leaders taking a group.

Rev. Henry Hayden of Guerneville is Director, and other leaders include Robert Carlson, Terry Stoker, Wim Meyer. Rev. Richard Keithahn of India will be the missionary guest in Camp.

WEST BAY PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CAMP AUGUST 19-25

The West Bay Congregational churches began their own district camp in the summer of 1938, at Loma Mar in San Mateo County. Come Pearl Harbor, with decreasing attendance at conferences, and they merged with East Bay for 1942, 43 and 44. Now, with more young people getting the camp fever, and the purchase of Cazadero, the West-bayers are launching out on their own again. They are confident that they can have a good camp, with an attendance of 75 in August. Sidney Buckham will be the director, and the faculty is being lined up now, including Jack Blake, Wim Meyer, Ed Hawley, Eugene Sill, Mrs. Grace Bielar, Mrs. Anne Peabody and others (to be announced later).

The camp schedule will begin with a chapel service, followed by three class periods, with an offering of three subjects in each period. The afternoon will be devoted to recreation, with swimming, planned hikes, craft work, and nature study. Special care is being given to the planning of the evening camp fire meetings, which will be one of the main features of the West Bay program.

For further information, write to Sidney H. Buckham, 225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo.

STUDENT WORKER VISITS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Northern California has had the help of a visit by Rev. Ralph Hyslop, Student Work Secretary of our Board of Home Missions. In a meeting with the Committee on Religion in Higher Education our responsibility regarding the various college and junior college campuses was discussed. Our Conference is now helping to provide Christian leadership at the University of California and San Jose State College. Without doubt our fellowship should be helping to provide strong Christian activity on the campuses of the College of the Pacific, Fresno State College, San Francisco State College, and perhaps in an interdenominational way at Chico, Arcata, and Davis, and the Sacramento, Modesto, San Mateo, Marin, and perhaps other junior colleges. Mr. Hyslop pointed out to the Committee that a greater percentage of Congregational young people attend state institutions than of any other denomination and yet we as a fellowship are doing less in providing Christian influence and activity.

SOCIAL ACTION SECRETARY HERE

Rev. John B. Hanna, D. D., Church Counselor for the Council for Social Action, spent several weeks in the San Francisco Bay area during the month of May. He was able to sit in at many gatherings of church-minded people on the fringe of the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. He addressed a group of laymen and ministers at the Plymouth Congregational Church, Oakland, outlining practical ways in which churchmen can make their voices and influence felt for righteousness in the political and economic realms. He expects to have his headquarters in the middle west and to be available in the course of the next few months for more or less frequent visits in our territory. It is his chief concern to be of help to churches who desire to make their influence felt toward a righteous society.

BOOKS NEEDED BADLY

During the Japanese occupation in the Philippines a definite policy and program of destruction of books in the English language was carried on. Almost nothing is left. The Philippine committee is inviting the churches and interested people from the whole country to contribute books: devotional books, including Bibles and portions of the Bible, reference books for schools and colleges, books of fiction, poetry, essays, history, theology, medicine, nursing, law, travel, kindergarten books, music, games, scientific books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, concordances, books for children and teachers of children, magazines of lasting interest, such as "National Georgraphic" and "Reader's Digest." In short, any kind of good reading matter is needed. Northern California churches and people may send books to Mrs. George Garcia, care First Christian Church, 29th and Fairmount, Oakland 11, California. They should be sent prepaid and promptly.

FALL PLANS

The committee to plan for carrying the Conference to the churches is now engaged in an intensive plan. It is headed by Mr. David H. Gill of Sacramento, Canference moderator, and who will represent the interests of the laymen. The committee will include representatives from the Federation of Congregational Women and from the young people.

As previously announced, Rev. Douglas Horton, D. D., Minister and Secretary of the General Council, will be with us for several of the meetings during the early part of October. It is hoped that Rev. Everett Blake will be available for at least part of the time, and we are rejaiced ot know that his wife, Lynda Goodsell Blake, will be a speaker at each and every one of the gatherings. Full schedule will be announced in the September issue.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Before the next issue of The Pacific comes out Rev. David Stowe will have completed his work as director of Plymouth House. With Mrs. Stowe he becomes associated with the American Board and will do some speaking among the churches. They will enter language school a little later to prepare for work in China. The Conference as well as the Berkeley First Church appreciate the high quality of leadership which Mr. and Mrs. Stowe have given in our student work and feel a sense of pride in their going as missionaries to the foreign field.

The Conference Committee on Religion in Higher Education and the First Congregational Church have decided to continue a cooperative arrangement for student work and have invited the Rev. Mr. Ford Forsyth of Canada to become director, beginning September 1. Mr. Forsyth recently took graduate work at Pacific School of Religion. He is a pastor in Canada and has been asked to accept a post of national leadership among students. In coming to the Berkeley campus he faces a greater opportunity than we have ever had, due to the very large number of returning veterans that will be studying under Government sponsorship.

DIRECTOR WEEKDAY EDUCATION

We welcome Rev. Oscar P. Bollman as director of weekday religious education for the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches. This is the position formerly held by Dr. Blanche Carrier. Mr. Bollman is a Congregational minister, having been pastor at Romeo, Michigan. He comes splendidly prepared and highly recommended by those most competent to judge in this field. He will assume his responsibilities August 1.

With this issue The Pacific goes on vacation until September 1. That new subscribers may understand, we call attention to the fact that The Pacific is published ten months of the year.

With the September issue The Pacific will again be on its regular schedule, being published during the first few days of each month. Copy must be in the last day of the month previous to publication to ensure being included.

NATIONAL GOALS

Congregational leaders from throughout the nation met in New York during the first week of June to lay plans for presenting to the churches of our Fellowship the emergencies, occasioned by the war, that must be met. We have been rendering a valiant service through the Committee for War Victims and Services. During 1944 the churches provided about $400,000 from which relief went to stricken peoples, and ministry was maintained to Service men and war workers.

Now with the approaching end of the war, there are other and greatly enlarged problems to be met. For example, over $2,000,000 worth of American Board property has been in the hands of the Axis powers,—Greece, Japan, Philippines, and parts of China. Present estimates are that $1,300,000 will be required to replace, repair, and restore churches, schools, hospitals, equipment and personal property which has been damaged and destroyed. This dislocation of peoples in this country and abroad demands our help. There must be maintained a ministry of goodwill in critical racial tension areas.

After a very careful and critical scrutinizing of every item presented by our Boards, by representatives of Conferences and churches, and a good deal of whittling down, the Executive Committee has approved a campaign to be conducted by the Missions Council for a greatly increased sum to meet non-recurring needs, which is to be raised during a three-year period.

The Committee for War Victims and Services will henceforth be known as the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. Rev. Albert Buckner Coe of Oak Park, Ill., succeeds Rev. Boynton Merrill as Chairman. Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley has been asked to serve as one of the three vice-chairmen and has been attending the meeting in New York. He will bring plans and recommendations to the Executive Committee of our Conference Board of Directors. Nationally the churches which have been giving about $400,000 per year, are being asked to expand that to $1,500,000 per year for a three-year period. At the same time, to meet increased cost of regular missionary work at home and abroad, to enable us to occupy some new fields that present splendid opportunities, and to make possible assistance to churches in the great era of construction of new buildings which is just around the corner, we must lift the regular missionary giving by the "substantial and courageous increase" voted in January, 1944.

In other words, we are not launching a new and separate campaign with great pressure like the "crusades" of some of our sister denominations, but through our regular agencies we are asking our people to meet our inescapable responsibilities. We still have half of the Unit Plan to care for. We will lift our regular giving, and expand the appeal for emergency war needs. The sum of all asking is very modest compared with that which is being given by people of other denominations—WE CAN DO IT.

Since November 1, 1940, 17,600 American citizens of Japanese ancestry from the mainland and Hawaii have been inducted into the army of the United States.

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ATTENTION

Below is the final church by church report of regular benevolences which will be published before September. The May receipts were not up to those of previous months, and not up to the monthly average for the year. This should have the very careful attention of treasurers and ministers before the summer vacation begins. June should be one of the best months. Remittances are made to the Boards immediately after the first of July. It is our earnest desire to keep well ahead so that 1945 will bring us to the goal of a "substantial and courageous increase."

	May 1945	Jan. 11 to May 31,'45	Jan. 11 to May 31,'44
Adin	$ 4.00	$ 17.00	$
Alameda	158.36	398.58	316.72
Alturas		36.95	31.45
Angels Camp		103.00	37.59
Antioch		35.71	32.59
Auburn	10.00	50.00	57.70
Benicia		230.00	
Berkeley, Arlington		45.66	18.55
First	436.81	3,145.85	2,714.28
North	63.70	250.30	231.12
South	72.58	222.00	
Campbell		80.00	75.00
Cedarville			25.00
Cloverdale	14.43	47.95	55.36
Cotati	75.00	85.00	51.87
Crockett		18.32	60.82
Etna			5.84
Eureka		156.88	241.02
Ferndale		98.70	92.55
Fresno, First		550.00	811.24
Pilgrim		414.62	200.00
Glen Ellen		21.00	24.05
Guerneville		20.00	
Hayward	100.00	100.00	100.00
Kenwood		11.46	9.82
Lodi, First	240.00	1,569.00	930.00
Loleta		40.23	32.95
Loomis		23.86	27.13
Martinez	36.95	169.53	144.65
Murphys		83.40	81.00
Niles	5.00	5.00	55.00
Oakland, First	440.00	2,200.00	2,310.00
Fruitvale		15.00	15.00
Japanese		15.00	
Pilgrim	12.00	33.00	25.00
Plymouth	239.74	576.19	641.69
Orinda	20.00	95.80	
Oroville		144.67	125.11
Pacific Grove	106.85	199.50	97.58
Palo Alto	25.00	525.00	250.00
Paradise	50.00	100.00	125.00
Parlier			50.00
Penngrove		39.36	59.59
Pescadero			10.00
Petaluma		294.75	288.37
Pittsburg	54.05	118.36	57.69
Port Chicago		37.56	
Porterville		400.00	200.00
Redwood City		210.07	228.00
Reedley		25.00	
Rio Vista		70.00	44.00
Ripon		76.43	83.37
Sacramento	80.00	400.00	400.00
Salida		41.00	30.00
San Carlos		80.00	41.01
San Francisco			
Bethany Msn. Pk.		75.00	73.00
First		365.57	220.64
Ocean View		66.15	80.00
Park Presidio	33.00	82.00	54.00
San Jose	73.15	306.42	322.89
San Leandro		25.40	39.55
San Mateo		437.53	512.94
San Rafael		29.00	80.00
Santa Cruz	65.00	370.00	420.00
Santa Rosa	34.00	105.00	92.50
Saratoga		179.45	157.55
Sebastopol		93.78	72.60
Sonoma		46.68	42.45
Soquel		30.00	18.00
Stockton	60.05	306.44	209.43
Suisun		25.00	25.00
Tulare		315.00	169.00
Weaverville		75.00	70.00
Woodside		23.80	28.80
Reno, Nevada	55.15	179.70	190.87
Miscellaneous*	155.66	813.78	1,060.67
	$2,720.48	$17,677.39	$15,484.60

* Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German churches.

TO LONDON

Miss Mary Coxhead, who for several years has been the minister of community service at Plymouth Congregational Church, Oakland, has been appointed by the Congregational Service Committee to go to Trinity Hall on the east side of London. She expects to leave about July first and will be an ambassador of goodwill to the children of that poverty and bomb stricken section of England's great city.

Miss Coxhead first came into our fellowship assuming the very difficult task of pastor and missionary among the Modoc Indians. Following several years in that area she came to Pacific School of Religion for special studies and then identified herself with Plymouth Church. She has served on many committees of the Conference and the Federation of Congregational Women. She has frequently been heard in the pulpits of this area. Serving without salary, she has devoted her time 100 percent to more good causes than could easily be enumerated. By training, experience, and temperament, she will be a worthy representative of our fellowship and a truly Christian helper of the under-privileged.

On Sunday, May 27, Plymouth Church held a commissioning service for Miss Coxhead, the sermon being preached by Rev. Buell Gallagher of Pacific School of Religion.

REV. THOS. T. GIFFEN

On Tuesday, May 29, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen of Martinez passed away at the Community Hospital. He had been stricken while on vacation eight days earlier near Santa Cruz. For two months he had been released from his church in order to regain his health, and was about to return to begin work on the first of June.

He was a son of the manse, born in Nebraska on Christmas Day in 1880. He was educated at Pomona College, took graduate work at Yale University, spent two years as a teacher in China, and then completed his theological training at Pacific School of Religion. His entire ministry was in the northern California Conference, having been pastor at Antioch, Fresno, Oakland Plymouth, Peta-Petaluma, and Martinez.

The parish ministry always stood first in his interest and activities, but he found the time to give leadership beyond the boundaries of his parish, both in community affairs and denominational and interdenominational agencies. He held almost every important post in the Northern California Congregational Conference, and was a member of the Board of Directors as continuously as the by-laws of the Conference permit. He served at least two terms as a member of the Board of Home Missions. He was called upon to make frequent trips East for the meetings of that Board. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Pacific School of Religion.

No one in our fellowship was of greater influence because of the soundness of his judgment, the clearness of his vision, his friendliness, and his single-minded devotion to the cause of Christ and the Church. His going leaves a great gap in our ranks.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Emma Jane Giffen, four daughters, a son, and several grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in the Martinez church on May 31 by two friends of many years' standing, Rev. Hugh Vernon White and Superintendent, Harley H. Gill.

PAID IN FULL

Congregational Cazadero is ours. It is paid for and well enough equipped to take care of our young people's and family camps this summer. To be sure, there is much to be done. There will always be improvements to be made. But the churches and individuals of Northern California responded to the challenge of the Conference Board of Directors and Committee on Young People's Work in a remarkable way, and here is the record of their giving thus far. Money comes in almost every day, but the total at 12 o'clock on June 7 is noted in the list that follows. At least two of our larger churches have plans for greatly increasing their giving. First Berkeley has definitely pledged a total of $2,750. The appeal of the Oakland First Church was delayed by a campaign that was already under way for increasing endowment, but active solicitation is now going on. As is always the case, a project of this kind costs more than expected so that the amount which we will receive over and above the original goal of $25,000 will all be needed and well spent. Cheers to our young people, our pastors, and our lay folk who did this job so promptly and so well.

Alameda	$ 500.00
Angels Camp	120.00
Antioch	204.50
Auburn	44.75
Benicia	121.00
Berkeley, Arlington	76.00
Chinese	15.00
First	1,095.00
North	565.50
South	300.00
Cloverdale	100.00
Cotati	57.00
Elk Grove	45.00
Fairfax	26.80
Ferndale	145.00
Fowler	10.00
Fresno, First	687.00
Pilgrim	100.00
Glen Ellen	50.00
Guerneville	239.00
Hayward	162.00
Kenwood	25.00
Lodi, First	1,531.29
Loomis	100.00
Martinez	362.27
Mill Valley	23.00
Murphys	42.00
Niles	80.00
Oakland, Bethany	25.00
First	1,097.47
Fruitvale	75.00
Pilgrim	46.00
Plymouth	341.00
Orinda	101.45
Oroville	80.76
Palo Alto	769.50
Paradise	204.80
Penngrove	30.00
Petaluma	30.00
Pittsburg	331.00
Port Chicago	108.21
Porterville	157.75
Redwood City	1,270.00
Rio Vista	333.50
Ripon	173.00
Sacramento	989.00
Salida	65.00
San Carlos	250.00
San Francisco, Calvary	25.00
First	730.00
Grace United	163.90
Ocean View	151.50
San Jose	391.00
San Leandro	157.45
San Mateo	710.00
Santa Cruz	400.00
Saratoga	426.00
Sebastopol	187.00
Sonoma	200.00
Stockton	552.02
Suisun	25.50
Sunnyvale	93.30
Tulare	22.00
Woodside	530.00
Reno, Nevada	50.00
Miscellaneous	9,204.00
	$27,324.22

REV. FRANK E. BOREN

Just as The Pacific goes to press word comes of the death of Frank E. Boren on June 7, more than fifteen years pastor of the Kenwood church. He had been ill more than two weeks. He was 74 years of age and is survived by his wife and two sons. Rev. Hugh V. White and Rev. H. J. Loken officiated at the funeral. The Pacific hopes in a later issue to give a more adequate notice.

PHILIPPINE RELIEF

We are happy to learn that a committee representing American Protestant church groups is on its way to the Philippines to survey relief and rehabilitation needs, and that its recommendations will soon be cabled.

Before the occupation of the Islands by the Japanese, there were thirteen hospitals and four dispensaries operated by American Protestant missions there. Some of these have been totally destroyed, while the condition of others is not known. We are familiar, however, with the reports of suffering among the people who are "emaciated, gaunt, and ragged." Most of them have lost everything they had. Our soldiers tell us that the welcome our troops have received "has been tremendous. Every Filipino from the children barely able to walk to the elders cheer us." This reception is a great tribute to the work we have done in the Philippines over a period of years.

Our Christian relief workers will supplement the efforts of our government to bring order out of chaos. We shall care for homeless children; help families to re-establish homes; give medical care by mobile units working out from hospitals; offer aid to pastors and Christian workers; and attempt to revive cooperative societies.

Our Committee for War Victims and Services is being reorganized, and Rev. Vere V. Loper, minister of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, has been made one of the three national vice-chairmen of the Congregational Christian Fund. He will be in New York during the early part of June to participate in a conference to plan a national campaign. May we all be ready to do our part when the call comes.

MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

THE ARTS GUILD

The "Art's Guild," a new department of the National Council, continues its program of securing members among those interested. Rev. T. Davis Preston presented the program of the Guild to the Santa Clara Association. Each Association has a Guild representative, who will present the program of the National Chapter to the fall meeting of the Associations. Aanyone interested may write to Mr. James P. Senter of Sebastopol, or to Rev. Torrance Phelps of Sacramento.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Youth of this church joined with the youth of Fresno First to hear Miss Mary Ingle of Turkey on May 6. Morning service the same day was addressed by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. A dinner on May 17 opened the $20,000 repair campaign. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER. A large and beautiful site for a new church building has been purchased. About $32,000.00 is in hand for the project. Under the leadership of Rev. F. W. Gross, this church is rapidly forging ahead and becoming one of the strong churches of the Conference.

GRASS VALLEY. Word comes to the office of The Pacific that Rev. Herschel Fravel, who has been pastor of the church about five years, has resigned. Future plans of the church have not yet been announced.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST. The main church building has received two coats of paint and the parsonage has been insulated at a total cost of $800. The $9,500 cash fund for the new building site has been raised and the property purchased. An architect is at work on tentative plans for the new building. Twenty-three young people have signed up for the 7th annual Sequoia Young People's Camp. Children's Day was observed June 3 at the 11 o'clock hour of worship when promotion certificates were awarded and the minister, Rev. John H. Gregg, spoke briefly on "A Child-Centered Church." The last 20 minutes of the hour were devoted to open house in the various departments of the church school with the opportunity being given to parents and friends to see the church school in action.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. After a leave of several weeks due to illness and death of his mother, Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, resumed his duties May 20. During his absence, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Miles B. Fisher. A youth choir has been organized and sang on Memorial Day. A Brownie Girl Scout Troop has been formed. A picture of the Christ has been hung over the altar and a spot-light arranged to high-light it. Church School teachers are attending a Leadership Training School.

CEDARVILLE. The church and community are delighted with the word sent from the Conference office that Rev. Terence Stoker will go to Surprise Valley as pastor about September 1. He spent the summer of 1944 in the area and won the hearts and loyalty of the people. He is graduating from Pacific School of Religion and plans to spend the summer in various activities which will help to fit him for the ministry, and then go to Modoc County in the autumn for at least one full year of service.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. An adequate supply of new hymnals has been purchased, and were used for the first time on Memorial Sunday. During the month of June, the pastor, Rev. Robert Moon, is preaching a series of sermons on "Protestantism,"—what it means, what's wrong with it, what's right with it, etc. A literature committee has been formed to make certain recommended books available to those who wish to purchase them.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The little church was crowded and extra chairs brought in on a special Mother's Day Service. A corsage was given to each lady present. The names of all Service men were read and their mothers stood for prayer. Several new families were present at "Invite Your Family Sunday." Rev. Eugene Sill reports that a building committee is hard at work studying possibilities for enlarging and improving the property.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Mother's Day was a banner day both in attendance and offering. A colored male quartet provided special music on Children's Day. One of the members has recently presented a fine piano for use in the auditorium. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, took part in the G. A. R. Memorial Service in Oakland.

GUERNEVILLE. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Henry Hayden, on vacation, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Fawcett and Rev. Terry Stoker of Pacific School, by Chaplain Edward Gates, and by Field Secretary W. W. Meyer.

SOQUEL. Mother's Day witnessed three dedications during the morning—an Altar of Remembrance erected in the vestibule of the church, dedicated to those whose names are on the honor roll of the church; an illuminated altar cross dedicated to the memory of one of the young Service men, killed in action last year; and a small building on the church grounds dedicated to the memory of the late O. R. Sheppa, for many years treasurer and deacon of the church. The altar of remembrance was presented by a club of young married women, many of whom are wives of Service men. The church expects, in the late summer, to undertake an enlargement of the parish hall. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. A member of this church has bought the lot back of the church and presented it to the church with the hope that it will be used for a Youth Center. Already plans are being considered to erect a building with recreational facilities for Boy and Cub Scouts, girls' work, and general recreational activities for young people. 150 people attended the Mother-Daughter banquet early in May, and later in the month an unusually fine choir concert was held. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. June 10 was Graduation Day in the Church School, with special programs in the departments. Four young people have earned acceptance as Christian Workers in the Million Hour Service Plan. Among special speakers during the month, in various services, have been Dr. T. Z. Koo, Dr. Henry Russell Stafford, Dr. John B. Hanna, Bishop George K. A. Bell of Chichester, Dr. Ralph Hyslop and Dr. Stanley A. Hunter, in addition to the pastors, Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. David Stowe.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On May 10 the various groups within the church cooperated in arranging a home-coming reception to Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, who had been away for a few weeks on "sick leave." On Mother's Day Rabbi Stephen S. Wise was pulpit guest at the morning service. Evening services have presented a number of the outstanding figures attending the UNCIO in panel discussions or as individual speakers.

BERKELEY, SOUTH. Plans for remodeling the building, and campaign to raise the necessary funds, are going forward. The Men's Fellowship plans to put in a lawn. During May three outstanding speakers were presented—Mrs. Mary Bethune, Dr. Max Yergan, and Mrs. Paul Robeson. A Fashion Show was sponsored by one of the Circles. Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Buell Gallagher are the pastors.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A "Little Women's Society" has been formed with 22 charter members. This is open to girls from 4th through the 7th grades who are "willing to qualify." Miss Alice English is the director. Rev. Robert Moon of the Park Presidio Church was guest speaker at the June Fellowship dinner. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

CAMPBELL. At a farewell reception to Rev. J. H. Bennett, the people and friends of the church and community presented him with a gold watch and something over $550 in cash. Mr. Bennett and his sister are now in the mid-West for a period of some weeks. The Campbell church is being supplied by Rev. Ellis E. Pleasant of Palo Alto.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A financial canvass for funds for a new Fellowship Center to replace the social house which was destroyed by fire last September is now going on. The new building, which will cost about $43,000, will provide adequate facilities for a greatly expanded program of Christian service to children, youth, and adults of the membership and community. The structure will be erected when building materials are available. Rev. Frank E. Carlson and Mr. Carvel Caine are co-chairmen of the building finance committee. Dr. Lewis W. Taylor is chairman of the building plans committee; Mr. Scott Haymond is the architect, and Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is minister.

PALO ALTO. The last Sunday in May was devoted to those upon the Service Roll of the church. The sermon gave brief accounts of the present duties of the 66 men and women serving with the colors, and quoted from their recent letters. A solemn tribute was paid to those represented by the six gold stars. The final Church Family gathering of the season will be held informally at the home of Mrs. Robert Kirkwood, when the 23 members recently received will be given an additional welcome. The church has subscribed over $400 to the Committee for War Victims and Services. Rev. Augustine Jones is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. A large and representative Building Fund Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Laurence Walter, has been set up and is at work. Mr. R. Arthur Basham of Santa Barbara has been secured as director and has begun work. A campaign for $100,000 will be pushed during the summer until August 15. Directors of War Chests of Berkeley and Oakland are advisers. Plans for a beautiful and commodious building have been drawn. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

SUISUN. Mr. Donald Maccallum, student at Pacific School of Religion, has accepted the invitation of the church to become pastor as of June first. Mr. Maccallum is a native of the Boston area and during the past two years has been assisting the Alameda church, under the direction of Rev. Ralph V. Conard. Mr. Maccallum takes the place of Robert Carlson, who has been student pastor at Suisun but has now graduated from the Pacific School of Religion.

SANTA CRUZ. On orders from his physician, the pastor, Rev. Heber S. Mahood was compelled to rest, but was back in the pulpit on May 27. During his absence, guest speakers included Dr. Cyril of the China Inland Mission, and Rev. David Martin, Presbyterian missionary from Japan who more recently had been in a concentration camp in the Philippines.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, reports that a building committee has been formed and a company of architects employed to advise in the repair and decoration of the present building and overall plan for future improvement and addition. A large delegation of young people plans to attend the Cazadero Camp in June.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. Leonard Fuqua has returned from his trip to Nebraska, which was occasioned by the illness of his father. He has become active in various community organizations and enterprises. Mrs. Fuqua, who is visiting their son in the northwest, will join him presently.

OAKLAND FIRST. May meeting of the Women's League presented Mrs. Anna Kong Mei, former vice president of the Pan-Pacific League and of the World Y. W. C. A., speaking on "What Christianity has done for the women of China." Music was furnished by 36 children in costume from the Lincoln School. Young people visited St. Mark's Evangelical Church on May 27, to participate in a union meeting. During the month different church groups have heard Dr. Buell Gallagher and Dr. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, was speaker at the Woodminster Bowl on Memorial Sunday evening, using as his subject "Let Us Never Forget."

CALAVERAS COUNTY. At Murphys the church school has a fine set of tables and benches for the primary department. In Angels Camp the Young People's Club was host to the Murphys Pilgrim Fellowship group at a Sunday evening rally. Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, takes a real interest in the high school. At the district track and field meet he was one of the judges. The Angels Camp church had eight additions by confession during May. There was a large attendance, particularly of young people, at the V-E Day service. Mr. Dickey has begun services at Big Trees Boys' Camp and during May he went to Fricot four times and White Pines twice.

SAN JOSE. The 70th birthday of the church was celebrated on May 16 at a record breaking dinner. Members were dressed in nineteenth century costumes. The church had been painted white, with green shutters added, and the front entrance improved. Dean Paul Pitman gave the address. Greetings were brought from former ministers and representatives of the city and the state. Progress was reported in the raising of funds for a new church. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

SARATOGA. At the May church-community dinner, Professor Elmo Robinson of San Jose State College demonstrated "Fun with Psychology." The Women's Auxiliary sponsored a program of "May Day Festivities," with luncheon, a special program, and sale of handwork, foods, etc., netting almost $350. The Boy Scout Troop took all honors at a regional Court of Honor, outstripping all other boys in the district. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

SAN MATEO. Dr. Mary Bethune, President of Howard University, was a special speaker on May 18. The Children's Day Service on June 10 will mark the close of the school year, but careful plans are being made for a Daily Vacation Bible School. Rev. Sidney Buckham, the pastor, announces that the last Church Night for the season will feature beautiful kodachrome films of the mountains of California, as taken by one of the laymen in the church.

FAIRFAX. Mother's Day Service brought an offering of about $30 for benevolences. The following Sunday, the Gideons were at the service. Rev. Rudolph Caughey, the pastor, reports that the young folks are looking forward to Cazadero camp.

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No meeting of the Federation until August 16.

REPORTS OF THE MAY MEETING

The last meeting of the Federation before the summer recess was held as usual in the First Church, Oakland, Thursday, May 17. From the preceding Executive Board Meeting, we learned with regret of the resignation of Mrs. R. E. Wetmore from the presidency of the Central Association, but are assured of the successful continuance of the work under Mrs. W. J. Robinson, and her assistant, Mrs. J. Culbertson. We also learned of some of the delegates appointed to attend summer conferences: Mrs. C. A. Stanley and Mrs. Wm. W. Meyer, Foreign and Home Field Secretaries, to the M.E.M. Conference; and Mrs. James P. Senter, our most efficient Corresponding Secretary, to one of the Young People's Conferences.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, told us more in detail of the new Thank Offering project which was adopted at the April meeting—Ryder Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Puerto Rico. The hospital was opened in 1918 with 14 patients. It is now a 52-bed hospital with two resident physicians and ten nurses. The beds are always full, in addition to which there is a large out-patient clinic, serving over 14,000 in the year. Mrs. Fuller said that the March issue of the "iMssionary Herald" for 1944 has an article by Dr. Fred Brownlee on the work. More may be found in "Sign-Posts," the Home Board Year Book.

Mrs. Earl Doxsee, Secretary of Christian Home, spoke of two valuable books for mothers or teachers of young children: "Bequest of Wings," by Annis Duff, and "As The Twig Is Bent," by Holman. The Literature Department also had books to recommend. Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Assistant Literature Secretary, suggested the following: "People on our Side," by Edgar Snow, an exceedingly readable and timely book, telling of first-hand experiences in India, Russia and China. Mrs. Siegrist especially advised the reading of this book for those who had already read "Report From the Russians," by Wm. L. White, as it is an admirable corrective to the latter book. Other books she mentioned were: "The Solution in Asia," by Owen Lattimore,—a knotty problem, attacked by an expert; "The American Chronicle," by Ray Stannard Baker, and "The Bible and the Common Reader," by Mary Ellen Chase, whose name alone is guarantee of delight in the reading. Of "The American Chronicle," Mrs. Siegrist reminded us that the author is also known under a less august name—that of the charming companion on country walks, David Grayson, whom, I am sure, we have all of us followed at one time or another. Mrs. Siegrist implied that occasionally, through this book, weightier affairs were laid aside and we followed him again.

The "Work Packet" spoken of in the previous issue of "The Pacific" was stressed anew. There have been two additions to this: an excellent chart showing the set-up of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches in all its varied ramifications, and including some of the publications bearing on these (the chart is the work of our versatile President, Mrs. James Price); and a pamphlet on worship suggestions, giving valuable help on "How to Prepare a Worship Service,"—lists of materials, such as books and pamphlets which will aid the leader, and the aims for which she should strive. The chart and the pamphlet may be had for the negligible sum of five cents each. The pamphlet, which was prepared by Mrs. Bayard Buckham, Devotional Life Chairman, bears at the end the generous offer that anyone who wishes may write her for further suggestions. Her address is 50 Buckeye Ave., Oakland 11, California.

Mrs. Chester Marliave, Chairman of Speakers' Bureau, had a number of suggestions to offer. She can furnish speakers on "Industrial and Engineering Needs in China," on "The Newer Uses of Penicillin," or on the Children's Hospital work. In addition, she said the various Secretaries of the Federation can often be secured as speakers.

Mrs. C. A. Stanley brought to our attention the Report of the American Board for 1945—"In Him We Live and Move and Have Our Being," and told of a letter from Miss Alice Huggins, now teaching Chinese in this country. Miss Huggins spoke of the gratitude of some of her correspondents for the Red Cross boxes, thus proving that some of them at least had reached their destination.

Reports from the Associational Presidents followed in the afternoon. Mrs. Verdette Walters of Upper Bay spoke of a garden party at Antioch, a Spring luncheon at Pittsburg, a candle-lighting ceremony at the installation of new officers in Benicia, study groups and reading at Martinez and Crockett, and a fellowship dinner at Rio Vista. Dinners and luncheons seemed to be the order of the day, for a letter from Mrs. S. B. Janjigian of Fresno, read by Mrs. Laura Clark, told of their Association meeting, and stressed the marvellous chicken dinner served by the little church at Fowler. Mrs. Robert d'Erlach of the Bay Association had her story of a delightful luncheon at Broadmoor, with four tables decorated for the four seasons—a prime favorite being the Brides' Table for June. Central Association reported a "Work-shop" demonstration put on by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Greisinger. Mrs. C. L. Jackson, of Santa Clara, had as usual a full report of activities. Of thirteen churches (all of whose names she had at her fingertips) twelve were represented at their Association meeting, a splendid record. Mrs. Jackson spoke especially of San Carlos, where a group of young people are doing "a lot of interesting things," chief among these being their "Speaking Choir." Your editor has had a very gracious letter from Mrs. H. B. Williams, Program Chairman of their Church Guild, telling of this unique piece of work somewhat at length, which she intends to share with you in a later issue of "The Pacific."

A series of colored slides showing Pleasant Hill Academy and the neighboring areas in the southern states, were shown us through the courtesy of Dr. Frank Foster of the Pacific School of Religion.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the day was the address by the Rev. John B. Hanna of our National Council for Social Action who is at present at the UNCIO, being, as he said, "a consultant to the consultants to the delegates." The burden of his message to us was that there is something for each one of us to do. As we know from sad experience at the end of World War I, when the plan for organization is finally adopted at San Francisco, it must go to the Senate for ratification, and may be defeated there. "If the Senate defeats it, it goes down," said Mr. Hanna. So he urged: WRITE. Write to your Senators and Representatives—not form letters, but your own appeal for ratification, however far from ideal the plan may be. "It is time," said he, "to form a pressure group for God."

Berkeley Chinese Building Fund

The Berkeley Chinese Church has launched a drive to raise $15,000 for the construction of a more suitable church building after the war. It is the desire of the church to be a center for all Chinese people of the Berkeley community. It meets the spiritual needs of the people, supplies social life, and provides training in the Chinese language and culture, as well as offering a home to Chinese students. At last report something over $4,000 had been raised. Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, minister of the church, has received his Master of Arts degree in Religious Education from the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

REV. NORIO OZAKI RETURNS

Rev. Norio Ozaki has returned from the Topaz relocation center to begin work in the East Bay area. For a period of six months he will represent our fellowship as a friend to the returning Japanese people, helping them to find work and housing and extending the interest and welcome of our churches. It is expected that shortly the property of the Japanese Church on Sycamore Street, Oakland, will be vacated by the tenants and made available.

SAN LORENZO. A very active and influential building committee has studied and given preliminary approval to plans for a new building which have been drawn by the architect. Rev. Homer Schwarz hopes to provide vacation church schools in succession so that a large number of the children will be able to attend sometime during the summer.

SANTA ROSA. The May Fellowship Supper featured the Pilgrim Fellowship Young People, who presented a skit and showed slides of the Cazadero Camp. Rev. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion was guest preacher on May 27. Rev. Gordon L. Foster, the pastor, recently exchanged pulpits with Rev. Robert Rankin of the Methodist Church.

PETALUMA. Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Ouellette have left for Defiance College, Ohio, where both are to join the faculty. The church building is now completed and is as fine in usefulness and attractiveness as any in our fellowship. Rev. Ben Brittain is acting as interim pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. An interesting feature of Mother's Day was the choir's presentation of a new anthem, "Mother's Day Hymn," written by the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, set to music by Edward Shippen Barnes, and published this year by J. Fischer & Brother of New York. Women of the church are planning a tea in honor of Mrs. W. M. Case, wife of the former pastor, who is spending the summer at Lake Tahoe.

ADIN. On the last Sunday in May, worshippers enjoyed the renewed beauty of the building which has been painted on the interior, has had new carpets laid, new chairs for the choir, and a number of other improvements. Rev. Janie M. Lewis, the pastor, writes that "the hard work and long waiting were well rewarded when one looked at the faces of those who saw it all for the first time." Formal dedication service was held June 10.

BENICIA. On May 27 Superintendent Gill was the preacher and gave the charge at the installation of officers elected at the annual meeting. A pot-luck lunch followed, when many church problems were discussed. Rev. Elmo Wolfe has mimeographed a sheet of instructions to be handed to young people about to be married, and another for parents desiring to have their children baptized. Both will be very helpful.

EUREKA. People of this church have been invited to make use of a "Peace Shrine" in the church tower which has been opened to provide a "place of remembrance" for meditation and prayer in times of anxiety or trouble. The pastor, Rev. Charles H. Hudson, also notified his people that camping sites will be available for families at their summer conference grounds, Plymouth Park.

PORTERVILLE. Two well-attended services provided opportunity for Thanksgiving on V-E Day, one on the day itself and one the following Sunday. The church school, before its summer closing, will have a special service for parents and friends, when they may learn what has been taught during the school year. The pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, announces that there will be a community daily vacation school in July.